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ATTENTION: DARRELL ST. CLAIRE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF
CODEL CARE OF OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, U.S. SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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1. REQUEST GUIDANCE IN PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR CODEL IPU.
FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS SUBMITTED AS POSSIBLE COURSES
OF ACTION.

(A) FRIDAY, APRIL 12: OBSERVANCES FOR GOOD FRIDAY INCLUDE
COLORFUL ORTHODOX CHURCH SERVICES AND RELIGIOUS PROCESSIONS.
SHOPS AND PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE CLOSED. MEMBERS
OF CODEL MAY DESIRE OBSERVE SERVICES AND PROCESSIONS.
ALTERNATELY, SIGHTSEEING IN ATHENS AND SOUNION CAN ALSO
BE ARRANGED.

(B) SATURDAY, APRIL 13: VISIT TO ISTANBUL. UPON RETURN CAN
ATTEND MIDNIGHT CANDLELIGHT EASTER SERVICES AT ORTHODOX
AND OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION CHURCHES. RESTAURANTS AND
PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE OPEN ON EASTER EVE.
PLEASE ADVISE NUMBER OF CODEL WHO WILL REMAIN IN ATHENS
ON SATURDAY.

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(C) SUNDAY, APRIL 14: A 6 AM SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE, IN

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ENGLISH, WILL BE HELD AT PHILLOPAPOU HILL OVERLOOKING
THE ACROPOLIS. FOLLOWING SIGHTSEENG TRIPS TO GREEK
ANTIQUITY SITES CAN BE ARRANGED:

1. HALF-DAY TRIPS: SOUNION OR CORINTH
2. FULL-DAY TRIPS: DELPHI; CORINTH - NAPHPLION - EPIDAVROS (LUNCH AT DELPHI OR NAPHPLION)

2. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF INTEREST AS FAR AS
TRIPS ARE CONCERNED. INDIVIDUAL VEHICLES AS REQUESTED WILL BE
AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE SUFFICIENT NUMBERS MAKING ANY
OF THESE TRIPS, RECOMMEND USE OF BUS, AS BEING MORE COMFORTABLE
AND MORE INFORMATIVE BECAUSE AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE WILL
ACCOMPANY GROUP.

3. INFORMATIVE TOUR GUIDE BROCHURES FORWARDED BY AIR POUCH.
ANTIQUITIES MENTIONED ABOVE ARE COVERED BY THE BROCHURES.
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